

## Special News Of Undermuslins For Women and Children

The balance of our Undermuslin Underwear stock now reduced for the last time to make room for spring arrivals, now knocking for admission.

This is the Story in Figures

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Jackson left on a Northern tour and will return to Lynchburg to make their home.

In and Out of Town.

Miss Dorothy Christian left on Monday for Florida, where she will visit friends for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hardy and Miss Lenore Hardy, of Columbus, Miss., who have been the guests of Mrs. Charles Welsinger at 1292 Floyd Avenue, have returned to their home in the South.

Miss Lenore Tinsley left yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Virginia R. Shackelford, in Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Milhiser are spending this week in New York.

Miss Avery, of New York, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jeffers, at "Meadow Brook."

Mrs. Hunter McGuire has returned from a recent visit to Staunton.

Miss Louise Mason was operated on at Johnston-Willis Hospital on Tuesday and is rapidly recovering.

Miss Anne Fletcher is spending some time with friends here.

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## RAYMOND POINCARE IS WIDOW'S COUNSEL

In Charge of Proceedings Against Estate of Late King Leopold.

BY LA MARQUE DE FONTENAY.

THAT Raymond Poincare, the new President of the French Republic, was until the other day the principal legal adviser in France of Countess Longay, Princess Stephanie of Belgium, and widow of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria, in her proceedings against the estate of her father, the late King Leopold, and against the Belgian government, for the share of his property to which she is entitled, is not generally known; and the fact that so eminent a lawyer should have consented to champion her cause is calculated to endow it with a degree of importance in the eyes of the general public which it might not otherwise possess. True, when he became Prime Minister last year he turned over to his friend Viviani, one of the leaders of the French bar, the active conduct of the case. But he continued to remain as the countess's adviser and is thoroughly imbued with the justice of her demands.

President Poincare, by the way, has notified the batonier, or chief of the Paris bar, that he wishes his name to be continued on the roster of the latter throughout his term of office as President, a message which has given much satisfaction among the legal fraternity. It is an "innovation and not in accordance with precedent. For when Jules Grevy became chief magistrate of the republic he declared that it was impossible for him to retain, as President, his membership of the bar; first because it was not fitting that he, as the head of the nation, should be subject to the Council of Discipline of the profession; and secondly, because as long as he lived in the presidential Palace of the Elysee, which is furnished and maintained by the state, he could not obey the strict rules which require that members of the Paris bar shall live "dans ses meubles," that is to say, among his own furniture. This is the first time that a President of the republic has been living in furnished apartments, in furnished lodgings or in hotels, the idea being to insure their being men of substance and responsibility.

President Poincare does not consider either of these rules applicable to his case, and that they can be construed in such a fashion as to prevent his remaining a member of the Paris bar.

It is the first occasion of a member of the French Academy becoming President of the republic, and the way as he has hitherto been the second French Premier to be a member of that body, the first having been the late Duc de Broglie, who was Prime Minister in 1872. Poincare declares that, regardless of the rules of etiquette, he proposes to attend the meetings of the French Academy whenever he has time and sees fit.

Like his father, his grandfather, and a number more of his forebears, the new Lord Ilkerton bears the peculiar Christian name of Balthazar, which originally belonged to one of the three Kings of the East whom the star led to Bethlehem. The name "Balthazar" is a name of great antiquity and has been used four times, in four separate plays, giving it to a merchant in "The Comedy of Errors," to Don Pedro's servant in "Much Ado About Nothing," to Romeo's servant in "Romeo and Juliet," and to Fortio, as her assumed name, in the trial scene of "The Merchant of Venice."

The new Lord Ilkerton is a Birmingham man, is a stipendiary magistrate of that city and is married to the daughter of a former member of Parliament for Birmingham. He, like his father, is a home ruler. So that his accession to the peerage makes no difference whatsoever in the attitude of the House of Lords towards the home rule bill. The peerage was created about three years ago, on the nomination of Premier Asquith, in favor of Lord Ilkerton's father, who up to that time had been known as Sir Walter Foster.

Sir Walter enjoyed the distinction of being the first medical man in Great Britain to become a minister of the government. For he held the office of parliamentary secretary of the local government board and was de facto Minister of Public Health in the Gladstone administration of the last decade of the nineteenth century. It was owing to the radical measures which he inaugurated in 1892 and 1893, that the epidemic of cholera which swept over Europe in those two years was virtually excluded from Great Britain, where, in lieu of the customary tribute of tens of thousands of lives, only 135 cases proved fatal.

Prior to his elevation to the House of Lords, the late Lord Ilkerton had sat in the House of Commons for nearly thirty years, first for Chester, then for the University of London, and afterwards for the County of Derby, and as chairman of the National Liberal Federation, played a very active